

Discussion Questions
Tactics: A Game Plan for Discussing Your Christian Convictions

CHAPTER 13: JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

When and why do we need the "just the facts" tactic?

What is the first question we should ask ourselves when someone raises a bold facts-based objection to Christianity?

Koukl gives us a two step plan for this tactic. What is step one?

What is step two?

How would you apply this tactic to Dan Brown's allegation that 5 million witches were burned by Christians in the early centuries?

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CHAPTER 14: MORE SWEAT, LESS BLOOD

What are Koukl's "eight quick tips"?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Why does he say, "Do not make it your goal to change your church just yet?"

What does he recommend instead?

Why is it better to encourage "hostile witnesses" than to always stay in the safety of our holy huddle?

Koukl's encounter with two Jehovah's Witnesses taught him three things:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

If you open yourself to the strongest arguments of those who disagree with you, there are two possible outcomes:

1. _____
2. _____

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Courage under fire means:

Don't _____ in the face of opposition.

Make your case in the presence of _____.

Do not be disheartened if your audience seems to sometimes get _____.

"If you apply the right tactics, with God's help a lost and confused person will not only see the problem – his own _____ -- but also the solution, _____.

"THE AMBASSADOR'S CREED An ambassador is . . .

Ready. An ambassador is alert for chances to represent Christ and will not back away from a challenge or an opportunity.

Patient. An ambassador won't quarrel, but will listen in order to understand, then with gentleness will seek to respectfully engage those who disagree.

Reasonable. An ambassador has informed convictions (not just feelings), gives reasons, asks questions, aggressively seeks answers, and will not be stumped by the same challenge twice.

Tactical. An ambassador adapts to each unique person and situation, maneuvering with wisdom to challenge bad thinking, presenting the truth in an understandable and compelling way.

Clear. An ambassador is careful with language and will not rely on Christian lingo nor gain unfair advantage by resorting to empty rhetoric.

Fair. An ambassador is sympathetic and understanding toward others and will acknowledge the merits of contrary views.

Honest. An ambassador is careful with the facts and will not misrepresent another's view, overstate his own case, or understate the demands of the gospel.

Humble. An ambassador is provisional in his claims, knowing that his understanding of truth is fallible. He will not press a point beyond what his evidence allows.

Attractive. An ambassador will act with grace, kindness, and good manners. He will not dishonor Christ in his conduct.

Dependent. An ambassador knows that effectiveness requires joining his best efforts with God's power."

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